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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Daniel Baker, Robyn Bates, Charles Kenison

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRIMARY:

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- March 28, 2019

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bates seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the manifests. Ms. Bates seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.**

7:15 NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(e) – LEGAL

At 7:13 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 7:46 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

Chief DiSalvo mentioned the car show and discussed how it was handled. Chief DiSalvo asked if the Town could provide funds for some assistance as it was a Town event. Chief DiSalvo shared that they do look for a sponsor. Mr. Baker asked how much money Chief DiSalvo was looking for and asked if there were funds available. Chief DiSalvo gave background information on the event. Chief DiSalvo stated it wasn't about making money but they wanted to cover the costs, which was \$7,000. The event was from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Chief DiSalvo stated they buy t-shirts to sell and the money made was to purchase the t-shirts for the next year. Chief DiSalvo discussed doing a scholarship for someone entering the police field. Mr. Baker stated they would look at to determine if there were any funds. Mr. Kenison mentioned putting an article in the newsletter. Chief DiSalvo stated that he doesn't like asking for donations from residents. Ms. Favreau shared that people give donations. Ms. Bates asked Chief DiSalvo to put information in the newsletter.

7:45 MEET WITH SUZANNE GRAY

Mr. Kenison asked Suzanne Gray to come in so the Selectmen could discuss how people are appointed. Mr. Baker reviewed the three different ways to appoint a member to the Planning Board. Ms. Favreau shared the Planning Board Chairman couldn't permanently fill a vacancy with an alternate but shared the Planning Board could vote to appoint an alternate as a member. Ms. Favreau also shared that the Planning Board could vote to fill a position temporarily and solicit the Town for anyone interested. Ms. Gray stated the challenge was that members of the Planning Board felt they have voted to fill that vacancy. Mr. Kenison stated the argument against using an alternate – the person recommended has more experience than the alternate. Ms. Favreau asked if the Board verified the vote was null and void. Ms. Gray shared that they voted again and she abstained because the person wasn't there to state his interest in having that seat. Mr. Baker stated the Planning Board has a legal vote. Ms. Gray shared that she believed they did. Mr. Kenison shared that they didn't know if he wanted to be on the Planning Board again.

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Mr. Baker stated there was a vote and it was legitimate. Mr. Baker noted there wasn't anything to be done as far as he was concerned. Mr. Baker stated the only issue was if he wanted to be on the Planning Board he had ample time to run for a seat. Mr. Baker and Mr. Kenison stated that it didn't feel right as he had the opportunity to be elected. Ms. Gray shared that it circumvents the process of election. Mr. Kenison stated it was a long standing belief that every appointment had to go through the Selectmen. Ms. Bates noted only an alternate. Ms. Gray also shared that the other piece is if you have a long standing method of doing things in the Town that she believed there was information to be shared that there was a precedent on how they proceed. The Selectmen stated they would never appoint someone to any board unless they come to a meeting to share that they wanted to be on the board. Ms. Gray asked what the Selectmen's precedent was. Mr. Baker shared that the Selectmen take the recommendation of the committee. Ms. Favreau mentioned that she didn't think the Planning Board has had an alternate and it was something recent. Ms. Gray shared that they try to have alternates.

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Gray for meeting with them.

*** DISCUSS BOARD PROCEDURES

Ms. Bates shared that in her readings she saw that there are things out there that need to be done every few years – perambulation. Ms. Bates asked how we keep track of these things. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau if she had a list. Ms. Favreau shared that she doesn't. Ms. Favreau mentioned that she and Ms. Bates had talked about this and Ms. Favreau would create a list. Ms. Bates shared that at the meeting with the City of Keene, it was mentioned that Alstead hasn't done it since 2010. Ms. Bates didn't know if we could be in trouble for not doing it. The Selectmen asked what could happen. Ms. Bates shared that it was one instance. The Selectmen agreed that it needed to be recorded.

*** DISCUSS COMMITTEE FOR FIREWARD STUDY - Review letter from Gregory Mattson

Mr. Baker shared that Gregory Mattson and Andy Wood also wanted to be on the committee. Ms. Favreau shared that at Town Meeting, Susan Silverman stated there needed to be three members at-large. Ms. Favreau also shared it should include a Selectmen as one of the three. Mr. Baker shared that Mr. Mattson and Mr. Wood would be the at-large. Ms. Bates nominated Mr. Kenison but he declined as he was too involved. Ms. Bates shared that she didn't know what was needed. Ms. Favreau thought the committee was to determine if this should be put back on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Ms. Bates shared that she felt the same as Mr. Kenison that it shouldn't be someone involved. Mr. Baker shared it was a committee to evaluate and the most important issue was someone that would assess it fairly and be open-minded. Ms. Bates asked who was presenting the facts. Mr. Baker shared the committee would present the facts. Mr. Kenison mentioned that another option would be to propose five FireWards. Ms. Favreau shared that by State Statue there were five options as to how the Fire Department could be overseen. Ms. Bates suggested that we put something on the website or in the newsletter asking for volunteers to serve on the committee. Mr. Baker thought there should be a Selectmen or a FireWard on the committee, with three at-large.

Dana Pinney asked if the administration of the Fire Department be the Selectmen and the FireWards. Ms. Favreau shared not per RSA.

*** REVIEW LETTER FROM THE STATE OF NH Re: 2018 Equalization

The Selectmen reviewed the letter. Ms. Bates asked if similar to a past year. Mr. Baker shared it was done on a prior year's sales.

*** MONADNOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - Minutes – they will not be responding to our letter - Letter to the editor – School Board adding to budget from surplus

Minutes – they will not be responding to our letter – Ms. Favreau shared that the Selectmen had written a letter to the School Board sharing their dissatisfaction that the School Board didn't take any action on a funding formula. It was noted that MRSD has joined Conval's lawsuit.

Letter to the editor – School Board adding to budget from surplus – The Selectmen reviewed.

*** LETTER FROM GARY ROBERGE Re: Eversource abatement

Ms. Favreau shared the e-mail that had come in from Attorney Joseph Hoppock on prior abatements and noted that Gary Roberge's letter was for the newest abatement. Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Roberge doesn't recommend that the Town accept

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the offer. Ms. Bates shared that last night she heard that HB700 had passed the House. Ms. Bates recommended the Selectmen approve Mr. Roberge's recommendation to not accept.

Ms. Favreau shared that she needed to notify Eversource that the Town was denying their abatement. Mr. Kenison mentioned that he shared Ms. Bates' opinion.

Ms. Bates made a motion to approve Mr. Roberge's recommendation to not accept and wait on HB700. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison – Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** REVIEW LETTER FROM PRISCILLA BORDEN Re: Chinook Solar

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Baker wanted it placed on file that we have a comment from a resident. Ms. Favreau shared that when it goes to the SEC residents have the opportunity to submit a comment.

*** LETTER FROM RAND BURNETT Re: Lydia Ford Property – 20 East Lake Road

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Baker gave background information on the property. Mr. Baker wanted a commitment in writing of the start of renovation. Included in the letter would be a copy of the minutes to indicate what was agreed to. Ms. Favreau shared the amount of back taxes and interest was \$78,734. The Selectmen agreed they needed something in writing. Conditions – external done within a certain amount of time and completed by and interior by a certain date. Ms. Favreau would revise the template she received and send back.

*** REVIEW LETTER FROM GREGORY MATTSON - Parking and Rubbish at 1 Angier Road - Request for public and non-public minutes

Mr. Baker reviewed the request of Gregory Mattson to release the public and non-public minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting on November 26, 2018. Ms. Favreau shared the public minutes weren't a problem but the non-public minutes have been sealed. Ms. Bates asked if the Selectmen could unseal the minutes. Ms. Favreau shared that the Selectmen could unseal them. Ms. Favreau would send Mr. Mattson a copy of the public minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting on November 26, 2018.

Ms. Bates made a motion to send Mr. Mattson the minutes of said date of the public minutes and keep the non-public minutes sealed. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison – Abstained. Approved – 2-0

Mr. Baker reviewed the complaint letter from Mr. Mattson regarding 1 Angier Road. Ms. Favreau shared that Carol Ann Rocheleau was looking into the trash issue and it was being addressed. Mr. Baker stated that the Selectmen have taken the intersection issue up with the State and asked that the tree be removed. The State refused as they stated it wasn't in their right of way and not affecting their road. The Selectmen agreed to revisit and write to the State. The Selectmen agreed to review the parking issue with Chief DiSalvo. The Selectmen also agreed to postpone discussion/action until next week. The Selectmen asked that Chief DiSalvo and Gene Cuomo, Road Agent discuss what was the best interim solution. The Selectmen wanted to review the State's previous response. Ms. Favreau would follow-up with Carol Ann Rocheleau on the trash issue.

*** VENDOR PERMIT

Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the vendor permit for Kevin Rule – Kayak & Canoe Rentals. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(e) – LEGAL

At 8:40 p.m. Ms. Bates made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

INFORMATION

- MEMO FROM CAROL ANN ROCHELEAU – FYI – The State is monitoring contamination at Car Guyz.
- LETTER FROM SKYLER CRUZ WOLSEY – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Ms. Bates made a motion to have Ms. Favreau write back informing that it was a State Road. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

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The Selectmen discussed the Templeton Turnpike issue. Mr. Baker gave Ms. Bates background information. The owner was given 30 days to come before the Board, as a cease and desist letter was sent. Ms. Favreau asked if another letter should be written and delivered by a Police Officer. Ms. Bates asked what the Court would do. Mr. Kenison discussed the meeting the Selectmen had with the property owner. The Selectmen discussed the difficulty of enforcement. Mr. Baker shared that the more we discuss Construction Permits and Occupancy Certificates we should have someone look at all of the buildings.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:
- STEEPLE PROJECT

April Meeting Schedule: 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 3, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, April 11, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, April 16, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, April 24, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, May 2, 2019

Mr. Kenison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Daniel Baker, Chairman

Robyn Bates

Charles Kenison
Board of Selectmen